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Important Notice for Clients Receiving Child Development and Care Subsidies

New legislative requirements in the Department of Human Services (DHS) Fiscal Year 2010 budget require all aide and relative care providers to complete a basic training requirement in order to become or remain eligible for state child care reimbursement.

This basic training, called the Great Start to Quality Orientation, will provide valuable information and resources to child care providers about a variety of health and safety issues.

Please keep these important dates in mind.

Effective March 7, 2010, all **newly** enrolled aide and relative care providers will be required to complete the Great Start to Quality Orientation before being able to receive payment as a DHS child care provider.

NOTE: If you choose to use an aide or relative who has not completed the basic training, you will be responsible for payment to that provider. Aide and relative care providers will not be eligible to receive payment for **any** child care services provided prior to training completion.

Effective September 19, 2010, all **currently** enrolled aide and relative care providers must have completed the Great Start to Quality Orientation or have earned an infant and child CPR and First Aid certificate between July 1, 2009 and December 31, 2009 to remain eligible as a DHS provider. Aide and relative care providers that do not complete the training will be automatically terminated and will not receive any further payments until the training requirement is completed and all other enrollment requirements are met.

NOTE: The provider will not be eligible for any payment for periods between the termination date and the training completion date.

After completion of the Great Start to Quality Orientation, all aide and relative care providers who complete an additional 10 hours of approved training per year will be eligible to receive an extra 25 cents per hour in reimbursement for child care provided (up to a total of \$585 per year).

Training information for providers can be located at www.greatstartforkids.org.

Currently enrolled aide and relative care providers have been notified of this change.

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